

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9-20, 23-31, 38-45 and 47 are pending. Claim 22 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the presence of allowable subject matter in each of claims 22 and 23. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 42 have been amended to recite "an average length to width aspect ratio of smaller than about 3 to 1" (as recited by previous claim 22) to be allowable and dependent claims 3, 4, 7, 9-20, 24-31 and 38-45 are also allowable.

New claim 47 recites the features of claim 23 but depends from claim 42 to also be allowable.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit each pending claim recites allowable subject matter.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all objections and rejections are overcome. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment associated with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

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